

Unsettled, With Rain  
Tonight or Friday.

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## ARKANSAN PUTS IN NEW BILL FOR UTILITIES BOARD

### Oldfield Offers Bill Differing From One Introduced By Gallinger.

### CONTAINS PROVISION FOR FIXING VALUE

#### One Provision Aimed At Gas Com- pany—Would Regulate Sales of Stock.

Congressman Oldfield, of the House District Committee, introduced in the House this afternoon a substitute for the Gallinger public utilities bill, and providing for the creation of a public utilities commission in the District.

The main difference between the two bills concern the manner of arriving at the physical valuation of public utilities.

The Gallinger plan is drawn much after that used by Maryland, while the Oldfield plan is a combination of the Maryland, Wisconsin, New York, and California laws.

#### What It Stipulates.

The Oldfield substitute stipulates that hereafter no public utility corporation shall issue any stock certificates, bonds, mortgages or other evidence of indebtedness payable in more than one year from date until it shall have first obtained consent from the public utilities commission, when created.

The bill then outlines the proceedings for obtaining such authority from the commission, among the conditions being the following: When stocks, bonds, mortgages, or other evidences of indebtedness are issued for money only the public utility shall file with the commission a statement certified by the president and secretary, setting forth the amount and character of the issue, the purposes for which the stock is issued, and a full statement of the total assets and liabilities of the public utility. The commission is given sweeping authority to demand any evidence the commission deems pertinent.

The commission shall determine whether the proposed issue is justified and shall have the authority to disapprove the issue unless found justified.

It is also provided that when stock certificates or other evidence of indebtedness are issued partly or wholly for property and other considerations than money, the public utility commission shall also require complete information from the public utility, including full details and description of the estimated value of the property and other considerations and liabilities of the utility.

Another important provision is in the issuance of stock. No shares shall be disposed of at less than 90 per cent of its par value.

One section reads: "Any stocks, certificates of stock, bonds, mortgages, or other evidence of indebtedness issued by any public utility for property or other considerations than money, shall be valued in excess of that found by the commission shall be void."

Another section, and this section is considered to apply especially to the operations of the gas company, reads: "That no public utility shall issue stock, certificates of stock, bonds, mortgages, or other evidence of indebtedness for money, property, or services, either directly or indirectly, nor shall it receive in money, property, or services as payment of the same until there shall have been recorded upon the books of such public utility the certificate of the public utility commission herein provided for."

### Limits Stock Issue.

The bill also provides that no public utility corporation shall issue stocks or bonds for the purpose of any reorganization or consolidation in excess of the total amount of the stock, bonds, and other evidence of indebtedness outstanding against the public utility at the time of such consolidation, and no such public utility shall purchase the property of any other public utility to effect a consolidation until the commission has determined and set forth in writing that such consolidation will be in the public interest.

All stocks, bonds, mortgages and other evidences of indebtedness issued contrary to this provision of this law are declared to be void. A fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$10,000 shall be assessed against those who violate the provisions of this law.

It is also prohibited that no public utility shall apply stock, bonds and other evidences of indebtedness to any other person or issue the same on any less favorable terms than the terms specified by the public utility commission.

## What President Taft Says About Retirement and Pensions

"I have already advocated, in my last annual message, the adoption of a civil service retirement system, with a contributory feature to it so as to reduce to a minimum the cost to the Government of the pensions to be paid. After considerable reflection, I am very much opposed to a pension system that involves no contribution from the employes. I think the experience of other governments justifies

this view; but the crying necessity for some such contributory system, with possibly a preliminary Governmental outlay, in order to cover the initial cost and to set the system going at once while the contributions are accumulating, is manifest on every side. Nothing will so much promote the economy and efficiency of the Government as such a system."

## WIDOW AND HER BROOD OF FIVE ARE GIVEN AID

### Funds to Another Oppor- tunity Are Fully Subscribed.

### SEVERAL OTHERS LACK BUT LITTLE

#### Time In Which You Can Do Worthy Deed Is Shortening.

### List of Opportunities Ap- pear on Page 15

The list of acknowledgements of contributions to the Fourteen Opportunities Fund will be found in this issue on page fifteen.

Another of the Opportunities has been completed. The widow with five children in Opportunity No. 2 is assured of the necessities of life for twelve months to come. Opportunity No. 3 lacks only \$215 of completion. Opportunity No. 12 lacks only \$50.16 of completion, and Opportunity No. 18 lacks only \$92.16 of what is needed.

Some of the other and larger Opportunities have not been so fully subscribed, but there is the rest of today, the whole of tomorrow, and the whole of Saturday and Sunday in which to complete the provision for these worthy poor people.

#### Many Responses.

The nearer we get to Christmas, the stronger ought to be the Christmas spirit, and consequently today and tomorrow out to be the banner days of the campaign in the amount subscribed. They certainly will be if the spirit which prevailed yesterday continues for the rest of the week for that spirit is evidenced by the messages which come along with the contributions.

A union printer says, "Here is a dollar. Use it in any way you think best. I wish it were more." Another says, "I find \$5.00. Give it to that Opportunity which seems most needy." A letter signed "Little Tim" says, "Here is an offering for the most worthy Opportunity. May God bless everybody."

From a soldier at the Soldiers' Home comes \$5.00, with this message: "A member of the Home, though not possessed of much worldly wealth, desires to contribute to that which he has to the relief of those who appear as less favored than he."

Have you contributed in the same measure as this old veteran to those who are less favorably situated than you?

#### But Short Time Left.

One of the contributions was accompanied by a bit of verse which concluded: "May the widow and the little ones be as happy as can be. When the Xmas bells are chiming and all hearts are full of glee."

Another writes, "I hope the entire list will be completed before Christmas, so that all these families may be made happy."

There is not a message sent with any one of the contributions that does not bear the spirit of giving and true charity, evidence in the heart of the giver of the existence of the joy which comes with giving aid to others. One old auntie who came to leave \$2-\$1 for Opportunity No. 3, and \$1 for Opportunity No. 5—refused to give her name, and a "Little Southern Girl and Boy" sent \$2 for two of the colored opportunities.

Now let this be made very plain, that there are only THREE more days for YOU to avail yourself of buying at only a small expenditure, your proportion of a whole year's happiness. There are only THREE more days in which YOU can contribute to the Opportunities, and with the time so short, do you not think that you had better do it TODAY?

## GIFT STARTED BY BOY NOW DEAD IS SENT TO MOTHER

### Schoolmate Completes Chair Fulfilling Carl Lehnert's Christmas Plan.

### YOUNG ITALIAN LAD ASKS TO DO WORK

#### Tells Teacher Playfellow Would Have Desired That Task Be Finished.

Neither helresses receiving sable furs nor poor little girls getting flaxen-haired dolls will feel one-tenth of the emotion over a Christmas gift as is being experienced today by the mother of Carl Lehnert, the nine-year-old boy killed by an automobile on Thanksgiving Day.

A cane seated chair sits in Mrs. Lehnert's home, in sixth street, between Q and R streets northwest, which the widowed mother, now deprived of her son, is viewing with feelings which can only be guessed at. The repair of the chair was started by her son, and only finished after his death by one of his friends as a Christmas gift to her.

#### Injuries Are Fatal.

Carl Lehnert, on account of his deafness, had been a pupil at the ungraded school at 623 Q street northwest, and here a few days before he was killed he had started to repair a chair from home with rattan strips. The rehabilitation of the chair was intended as a Christmas gift to his mother.

On Thanksgiving Day he suspended work along with other school children, and while playing in front of his home an automobile came along which he did not hear. The machine struck him, and he had received injuries which caused his death a short time after.

After this the chair with its cane seat half finished remained in the school room. Four or five days ago Henry Stain, an Italian boy of thirteen years, who has been a playmate and a school-fellow of Carl Lehnert, went to the principal of the school.

"Can I finish Carl's chair?" he asked. "Why?" was the query. "I want to do it for Christmas, and I know he would like for me to do it for him, now that he can't do it himself."

In a voice choking with emotion the school principal at once accorded permission. The chair was finished at the noon hour today, and Henry Stain carried the chair over to Mrs. Lehnert.

### Kenyon Bill Cuts Out Senators' Free Baths

Two bills have been introduced in the Senate for the purpose of making the lot of the Senator less rosy regarding perquisites and emoluments of his office. Both bills are by Senator Kenyon. One is to abolish the system of maintaining free baths and a free barber shop at Government expense for Senators. The bill provides for a system whereby Senators shall pay for these attentions instead of getting them for nothing.

It is not generally known that the Government pays out between \$20,000 and \$3,000 every year to give Senators baths, shaves, haircuts, and massages. This, however, is the expensive fact. In the opinion of Senator Kenyon there is no more reason why the Government should furnish free baths and shaves than free meals.

His other bill is to reduce the mileage allowance by half, cutting it from 20 cents to 10 cents per mile.

### Will Stay on Bench



JUDGE A. R. MULLOWNY,  
Who Will Serve Six More Years in  
District Police Court.

## TAFT NOMINATES JUDGE MULLOWNY TO SUCCEED SELF

### Confirmation By Senate Probably Will Be Made After Holidays.

President Taft today nominated Judge Alexander R. Mullowny of the District Police Court to succeed himself. His term of office is for six years.

A determined fight was made against the reappointment of the District judge. A number of members of Congress supported other candidates for this position, but the President, upon the recommendation of the Department of Justice, decided to give Judge Mullowny another term.

The nomination went to the Senate this afternoon, and probably will be confirmed after the holidays. Should the Senate hold an executive session today, the nomination may be confirmed at once.

The Senate this afternoon confirmed the reappointment without referring the matter to a committee. This is a very unusual mark of appreciation.

### Arrested on Charges Made By His Fiancee

Leslie Hembright, eighteen years old, will be taken to Strasburg, Va., tonight to answer a charge preferred by Miss Annie Cannell, twenty-two years old, of 27 O street southwest, is a patient in the Emergency Hospital. Her condition is not regarded as serious.

The young Virginian was arrested last night by Detectives Barbee and Vermilion at the request of the Strasburg authorities. He came to Washington last Monday and had been stopping at a boarding house in K street northwest. Hembright did not treat his arrest seriously, and said he was willing to return to Strasburg without regulation papers.

### Body Taken Home.

The body of Mrs. Alice Rathbone Eno, who died suddenly at the family home, 171 N street northwest, Tuesday, was taken to her old home at Simsbury, Conn., for burial, after short services at the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## WILLIAM F. HAM MADE TRACTION LINE EXECUTIVE

### Elected Vice President and Director of Railway and Electric Company.

### TAKES PLACE MADE VACANT BY HARRIES

#### Former Comptroller and Treasurer Assumes New Duties At Once. Second Office In Abeyance.

William F. Ham, for eleven years connected with the Washington Railway and Electric Company, first as comptroller, and later as comptroller and treasurer, today was elected to the first vice presidency and a director of that corporation.

Mr. Ham will succeed Gen. George H. Harries, who recently relinquished his duties in that capacity with the railway company to go with a Chicago corporation.

Mr. Ham assumed his new duties immediately after having been notified by the board of directors of the company of his election.

#### Hold Place Open.

It is generally understood that the position of general manager, until a few weeks ago held by H. W. Fuller, will not be filled soon, if at all. It is said to be the intention of the directors to do away with that position entirely.

It became known today, however, that for a while at least, the affairs of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the lines which it controls, will be operated without the assistance of a general manager. If this experiment is a success, and the directors are unanimous in the opinion that it will, the office will be formally and officially abolished.

Mr. Ham, who became vice president of the company, is a New Yorker by birth, having come here from the Metropolis eleven years ago, to become comptroller of the railway organization. A short time after his arrival he was elected to the treasurership, and the two positions were combined. Mr. Ham is well known in Washington financial and social circles. He is an enthusiastic golf player, and is one of the Chevy Chase Golf Club's most prominent members.

C. E. Brown, for ten years cashier and paymaster of the railway company, was elected treasurer of the organization, to succeed Mr. Ham. The newly-elected vice president will retain his position as comptroller.

### Girl Burned By Gas While Lighting Stove

Burned on the hands and face, Miss Annie Cannell, twenty-two years old, of 27 O street southwest, is a patient in the Emergency Hospital. Her condition is not regarded as serious.

The young woman was burned by an explosion of gas in the oven of a stove, which she was attempting to light to prepare dinner, last evening.

### Boy Thrown Through Window of Street Car

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 21.—Five-year-old Edward Spilmire, of North Braddock, was thrown through a window in the Hawkins trolley express line when the crew of the "Ow" car speeded around a curve early today. The youngster escaped with a few bruises.

### FALCONIO'S SUCCESSOR.

ROME, Dec. 21.—Either Mr. Aversa, papal delegate to Brazil, or Mr. Stagni, papal delegate to Montreal, will be selected by Pope Pius to succeed Cardinal Falconio as apostolic delegate to Washington, according to a report in Vatican circles today.

### DENIES PACKERS' PLEA.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Federal Judge Carpenter has denied the motion of counsel for the ten packers now on trial here for alleged criminal conspiracy, that two of the seven counts in the indictments against them be dismissed.

## MITE, JUST SIX WEEKS OLD, IS GOOD FELLOW

### Toys Contributed to Make Some Poor Child Happy.

### MANY ARE TOUCHED BY PITIFUL PLEAS

#### Responses Generous, But More Gifts Are Needed—Two Days to Act.

### Mail for the North Pole Has Been Closed

All Christmas letters addressed to Santa Claus at North Pole are on their way and the mails have been closed.

### By THE ST. NICHOLAS GIRL.

Welcome to the youngest member of the GOOD FELLOWS organization. Yesterday morning a large bundle of toys reached the St. Nicholas Girl's office. Pinned on the dainty white tissue paper wrapper was a card which read:

"Two GOOD FELLOWS.  
"William, six weeks old.  
"Frances, two and one-half years.  
"They want everybody to be happy this Christmas. It adds to their joy to help to this end."  
"William and Frances Tiller."

And these are only two. Hundreds of GOOD FELLOWS came into the organization yesterday, realizing that there are but two days more for them to avail themselves of this opportunity.

### Clerks Make Gift.

Several of the clerks from the Bureau of Chemistry joined together, and sent a contribution of \$24.50, which made them all members of the GOOD FELLOWS circle, and the St. Nicholas Girl immediately jumped into a street car, and with that \$24.50 bought a wagon-load of dolls, which will be distributed to several hundred little mothers on Christmas morning, all due to the generosity of the GOOD FELLOWS down in the Bureau of Chemistry.

"Please see that the little dear who only wanted something pretty gets this toy," writes another GOOD FELLOW. "Should a number of persons be as deeply touched by the pathos of this little man's appeal and he be overworked, give it to some other poor but worthy boy. God bless The Washington Times in its noble work. Never has the spirit of brotherly love, the 'inasmuch' spirit so permeated Washington as since your paper has taken up this work. May you live long and prosper!"

"From a mother who has recently lost her little one."

### Answers Cripple's Plea.

A nice big cloth doll was brought into the St. Nicholas Girl's office too, yesterday, by Miss Pauline Stine, an eight-year-old miss who lives on Sherman avenue. With the doll, the kind that you can throw about in corners, or drag about by the leg, without fear of hurting it, a doll that nobody could help loving, in spite of its somewhat disquieting appearance, the little girl brought a letter written by herself. This letter was in answer to that other misadventure from little Edna Strather, a cripple, whose moving letter was published a few days ago. Read over this letter, Mr. and Mrs. GOOD FELLOW, and consider her plight! Then read over the little letter from Pauline Stine, and reflect whether you too, will do something for some other helpless child of Washington, some helpless physically, others whose parents are helpless financially to coax St. Nicholas into their homes.

### Children's Noble Letter.

Here is the noble letter of Pauline Stine, whose sister, Katharine, joins with her in signing it: "My Dear Little Girl: My papa showed me your letter in The Times paper, and my sister and I want to make your Christmas a happy one. I hope you will learn to like 'Ragdoll.' I made her myself, and I love her dearly. She is not very pretty, but she will help pass the lonely hours away. It

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## TAFT'S MESSAGE STRONGLY URGES ALDRICH SCHEME

### Monetary Commission's Plan to Be Made Adminis- tration Policy.

### WANTS RETIREMENT AND PENSION LAW

#### Points Out Needs of Department Asks 'Parcels Post,' and Would Cut Patronage.

By J. FRED... President Taft, in a message to Congress today, gave his endorsement to the Aldrich plan of monetary reform. He recommended the creation of a national reserve association and at once made the Monetary Commission's scheme an Administration policy.

Today's message dealt generally with the affairs of the various departments of Government, excepting those associated with conservation. A special message on Alaska will take up the conservation program. A military government for the Panama Canal Zone was recommended, a Government monopoly of docking and repairing facilities, and the establishment of a system of tolls for the canal were urged.

#### Other Recommendations.

Other important recommendations were made. An experimental parcels post system was suggested, a council of national business advisers, abolition of the Federal Reserve Bank, the removal of Federal Reserve banks by executive order, and the purchase of the French surplus wheat recommended.

Of more importance than any other recommendation, perhaps, was that in favor of the Aldrich monetary system. The President asks the full report of the Monetary Commission is not available, but that enough of its findings is at hand for present consideration.

"A matter of great importance that will come before Congress for action at this session," the President says, is introducing the subject of monetary reform. The reorganization of the great imperfections and tangled headwaters of our banking and currency system is of long standing, and later there has matured a recognition of the fact that our system is responsible for the extraordinary devaluation of our currency and business paralysis of our country's methods of doing business.

The President is pleased that the commission has found it unnecessary to fall back upon a central bank for a remedy for present financial ills. He says that a central bank for the United States not only has been resisted, but would have been defeated.

"And ingenious and novel as the proposed national reserve association appears, it is simply a logical outgrowth of what is best in our present system, and is, in fact, the fulfillment of that system," the President says.

In concluding his recommendation for a national reserve association, the President expresses the hope that the monetary reform plan will not be made a partisan movement, but that it will be considered in a liberal spirit and in the interest of all the people.

### Panama Canal.

Again in his message of today the President announces that with no unforeseen difficulties the Panama canal will be completed on July 1, 1913. This makes the plan of a government of the Canal Zone, the regulation of the supplies and docking of vessels, and the question of tolls, a matter for immediate consideration.

In the first place the President urges that a military form of government be established for the zone. This he points out as necessary both for the protection of the property and for maintenance of the canal as a neutral gateway between the two oceans. He follows this with the recommendation that the business of furnishing ships with coal and oil, repairing and docking facilities be assumed by the Government in order to guarantee reasonable prices and a certainty that there will be no discrimination.

It is further recommended that the power of fixing canal tolls be vested in the Government.

### WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Unsettled, with occasional rain to-  
night or Friday.

### TEMPERATURES.

U. S. BUREAU.	AFRICK'S.
8 a. m. .... 34	8 a. m. .... 29
9 a. m. .... 34	9 a. m. .... 29
10 a. m. .... 34	10 a. m. .... 29
11 a. m. .... 36	11 a. m. .... 43
12 noon .... 36	12 noon .... 43
1 p. m. .... 35	1 p. m. .... 44
2 p. m. .... 35	2 p. m. .... 45

### TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 5:30 a. m.; 5:50 p. m.  
Low tide, 1:35 a. m.; 3:01 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 2:25 a. m.; 9:30 p. m.  
Low tide, 3:35 a. m.; 3:43 p. m.

### SUN TABLE.

Sun rises.....7:12 | Sun sets.....4:40

## Last Minute News Told in Brief

### BATTLE ON IN MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.—According to reports that have reached here, a battle is on today in the northern part of the state of Morales, between Zapistas and federal troops. It is declared there are nearly 1,000 armed men in Oaxaca prepared to take the field when the Reyes revolt gets under way.

### YUAN NAMES TERMS.

TOKYO, Dec. 21.—Yuan Shi Kai has offered to agree to a republican form of government for China provided he is elected president, according to a message from Shanghai today.

### SEEKS A WARRANT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mr. Abraham Hammerstein appeared in police court today and asked for a warrant for "bigamy, non-support, and attempted murder," all against her husband, the son of Oscar Hammerstein, the impresario.

### FRANZ JOSEF NEAR DEATH.

VIENNA, Dec. 21.—It is reported that Emperor Franz Josef is in a critical condition and can live but a few hours. All the afternoon papers published pessimistic reports concerning the emperor's condition, and the papers were seized by the police and burned.

### CHILDREN'S NOBLE LETTER.

Here is the noble letter of Pauline Stine, whose sister, Katharine, joins with her in signing it: "My Dear Little Girl: My papa showed me your letter in The Times paper, and my sister and I want to make your Christmas a happy one. I hope you will learn to like 'Ragdoll.' I made her myself, and I love her dearly. She is not very pretty, but she will help pass the lonely hours away. It

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### IN CONGRESS TODAY

SENATE.  
Senate met at noon for final session before adjourning for a holiday week. Urgent deficiency conference report agreed to.  
Bill introduced to shut off Federal service and free baths for Senators.  
President's message read.

HOUSE.  
The House ordered printed the data collected by the tariff board.  
The conference report on the proposed deficiency bill was taken up.  
Congressman Oldfield introduced a bill for a public utilities commission.  
The House will adjourn the afternoon for the Christmas holidays. It will reconvene January 2.